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Mr Garrison

Dear Sir

14 Your very kind and appreciative tribute to my father's character just received claims my warmest thanks.

You could not have cast them more truly had you been in daily intercourse with him. That I believe was my father's privilege the fact that it was his privilege rather than that I should be often. The prison door for you, as well as the representations made by you afterwards — that the flame already kindled was owned to a life

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long opportunity to labour.
You are right in saying
that while he became less en-
thusiastic in the anti slavery cause
his interest never lessened.
During the war he read with
constant interest all that
related to the cause to cheer his
heart, and when others
lamented the reverses which
befell our arms - in calm faith
he would say "it was better so.
In this way God was teaching
the nation to do justice to
the coloured man."
When the President proclaimed
universal emancipation - he
wrote - & my heart bathed -
that he was ready to say
"now Lord let thy servant
depart in peace."

His last acts of charity were
for a poor colored man - and
during his stock hit fatal illness
the last thing used to him
was in reference to the
freed people.

May I not congratulate
you and my dear sir upon the
completeness of your own Christian
character. That having
fought a good fight you
were willing to undo on
the eve of victory and be-
turn your sword into
a pruning hook.

Thank you for the picture
of your lovely daughter
may she live to be-
the crown of your life.

I do not know of any thing
but ever appeared in

friends regarding your first
acquaintance with my
father - I often wished to
hear much to see it -
My father's correspondence in
the early years of the anti-
slavery cause was destroyed
in the burning of Pittsburgh in 1845
and as he was always a man
of few words - the
traces are mild hence to about
these days.
Surely we may hope that
you soon will give the
world the history of those days
and full of blame in this
land. To me else would
it so appropriately belong.
Very sincerely and truly
yours
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Daughter of Lewis Tappan.

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